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FOR LUEBKE, A/OS, FROM KEELEY

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SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR LINCOLN SCHOOL IN KAMPALA

1. NOW THAT THE GIVE USG DEPENDENT CHILDREN HAVE LEFT KAMPALA AND ARE NO LONGER ENROLLED IN THE LINCOLN SCHOOL, THERE IS OBVIOUSLY MUCH LESS (ANY?) INTEREST IN WASHINGTON IN GIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THAT SCHOOL. MY UNDERSTANDING, FROM TALKS WITH MIKE GOTWOLS AND SOME OF THE PARENTS, IS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO THEIR BEST TO KEEP THE SCHOOL GOING, AND THEY APPRECIATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO LET THEM KEEP TRYING. (I TOLD THEM IT WAS A PRIVATE SCHOOL, AND JUST BECAUSE THE EMBASSY WAS CLOSING, WE SAW NO REASON TO CLOSE DOWN THE SCHOOL, AND HOPED THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT SURVIVE AGAINST A FUTURE DAY WHEN WE MAY REOPEN EMBASSY KAMPALA.) UNLESS THEY RECEIVE SOME FINANCIAL HELP FROM SOMEWHERE, HOWEVER, THEY WON'T EVEN MAKE IT THROUGH THIS YEAR. THEY APPEAR TO HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES. THE SCHOOL POPULATION SEEMS TO BE HOLDING UP, WITH ADDITIONAL BRITISH FAMILIES USING IT AS THE SCHOOLS THEY HAVE USED IN THE PAST COLLAPSE FROM LACK OF STAFF AND MONEY.

2. I FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE LINCOLN SCHOOL, AFTER ENCOURAGING THEM LAST SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER TO TRY TO  
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KEEP GOING THIS SCHOOL YEAR ON A MUCH-REDUCED BUD-

GETARY AND POPULATION BASIS, WITH ALL STAFF ON STRICTLY LOCAL TERMS, ETC. JUST AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR WE COULD NOT ANTICIPATE A SUDDEN AND DRASTIC ENROLLMENT REDUCTION WHICH BEFELL THE SCHOOL THROUGH NO FAULT OF THE BOARD'S, OUR CLOSURE OF EMBASSY KAMPALA COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREDICTED LAST SPRING, IN FACT WHAT WE PREDICTED WAS THAT WE WOULD HAVE A CONTINUING NEED FOR THE SCHOOL FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR OWN DEPENDENT CHILDREN, FEW AS THEY WERE ANTICIPATED TO BE.

3. BASES ON THAT MORAL COMMITMENT, I RECOMMEND THAT WE PROCEED TO GIVE A GRANT TO THE LINCOLN SCHOOL TO SUPPORT THE COST OF THE PRINCIPAL, GOTWOLS, ONLY. HE PLANS TO STICK IT OUT AND TO WORK HARD TO KEEP THE SCHOOL GOING. IF WE COULD SUPPORT HIS COST FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR THERE IS EVERY EXPECTATION THAT IT COULD SURVIVE THIS SCHOOL YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME WE SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD THAT AFTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER USG ASSISTANCE TO THE SCHOOL AND THEY WILL HAVE TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR THE NEXT AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

4. THERE REMAINS THE PROBLEM OF THE PARTLY-FINISHED NEW SCHOOL BUILDING, IN WHICH THE USG HAS A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT AND THEREFORE INTEREST. THE F.S. INSPECTORS WHO INSPECTED EMBASSY KAMPALA IN OCTOBER RECOMMENDED AGAINST ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT IN THAT BUILDING, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF TRYING TO PROTECT OUR INVESTMENT BY COMPLETING THE PORTION THAT IS HALF-FINISHED OR BETTER. THEY DOUBTED THAT WE COULD COMPLETE THAT PORTION WITH THE MONEY STILL AVAILABLE. IT LACK THE EXPERTISE TO MAKE A PREDICTION ON THAT SCORE, BUT I THINK THE CLOSURE OF EMBASSY KAMPALA NOW PROBABLY TIPPED THE SCALE ON THE SIDE OF THE INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION, THAT IS, THAT WE INVEST NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

5. I TALKED WITH ONE LINCOLN SCHOOL PARENT (DANISH) IN NAIROBI LAST NIGHT WHO REMARKED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE LINCOLN SCHOOL IS PROBABLY THE ONLY PRIMARY SCHOOL LEFT IN UGANDA THAT IS OFFERING ANYTHING THAT COULD BE TERMED AN EDUCATION. I THINK SHE IS RIGHT, AND THAT THEREFORE ANY SUPPORT THE USG GAVE WOULD BE AN INVESTMENT IN SOMETHING WORTHWHILE. LINDSTROM

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